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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form-1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

An International Search Report ("ISR") dated December 26, 2000, is attached together with the three documents cited thereon. Please note, a typographical error was noted on the ISR in listed document no. 2; the correct document JP 11-110975, as identified by the International Preliminary Examination Report submitted with the filing of the application on March 20, 2002, is being submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the ISR and listed documents and evidence that consideration by making the appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following document listed on the PTO Form-1449 are in a language other than English. As for relevance, English-language Abstracts are provided.

1. JP 11-110975
2. JP 10-123919

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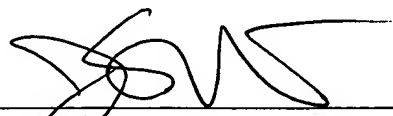
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Respectfully submitted,

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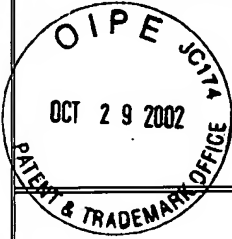
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